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## INDEMNITY BOND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

## BOND NUMBER SA3162690

We, S & S Communications, the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to resell long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota and Star Insurance Company as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public, Utilities Commissions of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obligee, in the penal sum Of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

PROVIDED, the aggregate of the Surety for all transactions occurring during any one license year shall not exceed the amount of the bond, regardless of the number of claims or claim ants.

The condition of the obligation Arc such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE Of AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal Purchases this Indemnity Bond, and if said Principal shall in all respects. fully and faithfully comply with all the applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of principal for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable Or unwilling to return to said customer as a result of insolvency of others. business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force, and effect.

This bond shall take effect as of the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until, surety is released from liability by the written order to the Public Utilities Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this bond and relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the, public Utilities Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 30TH day of October, 2001.

To be effective this 30TH day of October , 2001.

S & S Communications

Star Insurance Company

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC **UTILITIES COMMISSION** 

<sub>No.</sub> SA 3162690

(Void unless numbered in red.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT STAR INSURANCE COMPANY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

## MICHAEL D. LAPRE \* SANDRA LENZ OF SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds. undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to:

#### ALL OBLIGEES

provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the

# TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000) DOLLARS.

This Power of Attorney is granted and signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on the 7th day of January, 1993

RESOLVED, that the Chaliman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President, or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company be, and that each or any of them is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the Attorney-in-Fact named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the Company, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice Resident, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or instruments of similar nature to which it is attached."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF STAR INSURANCE COMPANY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Senior Vice Presidents and attested by the Secretary this 1st day of November, 2000.

Attest:

MICHAEL G. COSTELL

STATE OF MICHIGAN

STAR INSURANCE COMPANY

On this 14th day of November, 2000, before me personally came Joseph C. Henry, to me known, who being by me duly swom, did depose and say that he is a Senior Vice President of STAR INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed

by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

DEBORAH M. DUFFY

NOTARY PUBLIC - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Acting in Oakland County

My Commission Expires May 15, 2004

I, the undersigned, Secretary of STAR INSURANCE COMPANY a MICHIGAN corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the city of Southfield, in the State of Michigan. Dated the

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID UNLESS PRINTED ON GREY SHADED BACKGROUND WITH A RED SERIAL NUMBER IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER. THE BACK OF THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK-HOLD AT AN ANGLE TO VIEW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ARE URGED TO CONTACT OUR POWER OF ATTORNEY CUSTODIAN AT 1-800-394-7806. REV. 1-01